Mike Ringo June 19, 1992

[redacted]

Dear Mike:

The Miner's Bank $10 coin just arrived and it is a nice addition to my collection. Thank you for the care with which you handled the matter.

I am going to send you as your commission some coppers you valued for me unless you wish a check instead. Let me know if you prefer a check.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

P.S. check for the token enclosed.

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Mike Ringo June 29, 1992

[redacted]

Dear Mike:

Thank you for the comment on counterfeit farthings and on my article covering farthings as money of account.

My belief is that after 1760 no farthings, genuine or counterfeit circulated in America. They did to some extent during the early 18th century (William & Mary, William III, George I and George II) and although the New York law of 1753 prohibited the import of counterfeit halfpence or farthings, the many 1753 newspaper articles (see Trudgeon study) only mentioned halfpence and never farthings. When halfpence were circulating for 14, 15, 18 & 20 to the money of account shilling then farthings could not possibly fit in as a practical matter.

I believe the George III farthings were made only for English circulation and were limited in amount in the 1770-1790 period. I don't believe they were made in the 1790s as England already wanted large coppers by then. As far as American farthing manufacture is concerned, I agree with you that it is fiction.

My article will be published in the August Numismatist and I also offered it to The Asylum.

My best,

Eric P. Newman

Mike Ringo [redacted] June 29, 1992

Dear Mike:

I will send you Connecticuts to cover the commission. Thanks again for the service.

As far as selling counterfeit halfpence you must tolerate my non-selling policy. I hope you understand it applies in all situations.

Buy me more coins and you can get more Connecticuts, etc.

Yours,

Eric P. Newman

Mike Ringo February 22, 1994

[redacted]

Dear Mike:

I realize how much work you did in examining and appraising the coins I gave to EPNNES. You indicated that you did about 30 hours work. I appreciate your prompt attention to this difficult matter.

I am sending you 8 Connecticut duplicates of mine which are as follows:

1786	3(D)-1	$ 300
1786	4(1)-G	100
1786	5(4)-G	2000 - 2500
1787	1(2)-C	200 - 250
1787	11(2)-K	500 - 600
1787	13-D	200 - 250
1787	33(6)-KK	500 - 600
1788	12(1)-F(1)	750 - 850
		$ 5000 Value in 1988
	plus 20%	= $ 6000

The values are your appraisals adjusted as you suggested.

I hope this is more than satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Mike Ringo [redacted] January 17, 1995

Dear Mike:

When you discovered that the letter punches on 1783 Nova 1-A were the same as on 1783 Georgius Triumpho and at least 30 counterfeit English and Irish halfpence did you go any further as to the relationship of letter punches on other Novas.

Are any letter punches on the 1783 Nova 1-A found on any other Novas? Are the letter punches used on other 1783 Novas and the 1785 Novas tied together in the Nova varieties in general?

These facts might be helpful to see if the 1783 Novas are tied in with the 1785 Novas and to what extent.

Hope you had FUN.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Mike Ringo

[redacted]

April 30, 1997

Dear Mike:

I want to tell you that after months and months of questions and extensive examination of endless detail the IRS has just accepted my charitable coin contributions with your appraisals on my 1993 Federal Income Tax return. They visited my museum, examined many of the coins in detail, studied the Noyes photographs, went over everything else in my return.

I very much appreciate your cooperation in furnishing the extra details they requested. The delay upset them for a while but then they understood. I am sorry you had to go back into it.

My kindest regards. Thrive.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Mike Ringo [redacted] July 3, 1997

Dear Mike:

The July 28, 1997 Bowers sale catalog under lot 1098 says that Ron Guth may have been the first one to point out the similarity of the date on the GEORGIVS TRIUMPHO and variety 1-A of the 1783 NOVA CONSTELLATIO. I thought you did it. Please let me know what is accurate. I gave you credit for it in my article and want to know what is correct.

Please advise me.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Mike Ringo June 24, 1998

[redacted]

Dear Mike:

It is always interesting to hear from you. If you are going to speak on counterfeits at the coming COAC what is your topic? I feel I should not get into the California minter matter any further until I clear up some related problems. I'll explain in Portland. I had not planned to speak at this year's COAC because I feel others should have the opportunities to participate. I gave a program at most past COACs or helped some who did.

George Mallis and I have written a book on American mechanical counterfeit detectors and I am now working on publication details. Emmett McDonald is speaking on this subject at the COAC.

I would like to add more on counterfeit halfpence but I have so much work to do on the stolen cent law cases that I do not have time. This may be for you to do to add halfpence data to the writings. Your collection must be wonderful by now.

I will be at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Portland arriving late on Wednesday August 5, 1998. It is called the Lloyd Center branch and is the main hotel for events.

The indictment of a Massachusetts counterfeiter is interesting and has been liberated from court records. Does Scott mention this true bill in one of his writings on counterfeiting? Thank you for sending me a copy.

I am teaching at the ANA summer seminar at Colorado Springs in July and hope the ANA lasts that long. Then to New York for my lecture at ANS to the seminar class there.

Thrive,

Eric P. Newman

Mike Ringo January 4, 1999

[redacted]

Dear Mike:

Thank you for obtaining the Fairbanks CCD for me. I appreciate your complicated maneuvers. It is in gorgeous condition except that the peg counterweight for weighing $1 gold is missing. The box is somewhat beaten up with the top detached, but I have never seen this cardboard box before. I have some of this variety in wooden boxes.

I feel I overpaid but that makes up for some earlier acquisitions on a lower basis. I am asking this dealer if he has Colonial or early American money scales with labels.

Check enclosed. Something else will be forthcoming for you.

Happy New Year,

Eric P. Newman

Mike Ringo October 15, 1999

[redacted]

Dear Mike:

I need a little information from you. I am working on an article on the Albany Church Penny of 1790, etc.

What is the exact name in 1790 of the Presbyterian Church of Albany or at Albany or neither.

What is the exact name in 1790 of the Reformed Dutch Church at Albany or Dutch Church at Albany or of Albany or just Reformed Dutch Church or Dutch church.

You may be able to get these by telephone or already know them. I will be grateful.

Thanks,